

4. That our publishing interests and university merit our earnest support, and that we do all in our power to increase the circulation of the *EVANGELIST*, and of our tracts and other literature in our state; and that we help to advertise our school and patronize it both by students and contributions.

5. That we recognize the right of Jesus Christ to rule in all things. That inasmuch as intemperance and social evils are entrenched behind politics, that we will go there to combat them, and that we will support no man or movement that does not directly endeavor to regulate these evils by their extermination.

6. That inasmuch as tobacco is injurious physically, mentally, morally and financially, that we will strive to prevent its use in every way, especially by our ministers and young people.

7. That we are deeply sensible of the loss sustained by the Brethren church in the death of brother Enos Sala, and that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved wife and children, and also to the churches bereft of their pastor.

8. That the thanks of this conference be extended to the brethren and sisters of the Elkhart city church for their royal entertainment and hospitality toward all, during these meetings. C. F. Yoder offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That to promote a closer union of our young peoples' societies, that we recommend our C. E. societies to add to their name, King's Children, and use our own badges and literature and our K. C. societies to either use the C. E. constitution, or make provision in their present constitution for the C. E. pledge and consecration meeting and when possible attend C. E. conventions.

J. H. Palmer, C. F. Yoder, I. N. Miller, George Neff, D. A. Hopkins, Laura Grossnickle, W. W. Summers, reported work done during the year.

Collection taken for conference expenses—result, \$2.63. A motion was passed to elect a secretary to further the work of the Sunday school in the state. C. F. Yoder elected. Adjournment.

EVENING.

Communion services. Laura E. N. Grossnickle, secretary, pro. tem.

Sisters' S. C. E.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

President—Laura E. N. Grossnickle, South Bend, Ind.
Secretary—Sarah Cabaugh, Johnstown, Pa.
Treasurer—Sally Keim, Ashland, Ohio.

MEDITATION.

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, Oh Lord my strength and my Redeemer." Psalms xix, 14.

Sitting here alone this election night, husband gone to election, children all in bed, I was meditating, and these are some of my thoughts. If the men were as anxious about saving people's souls as they are to get them to vote, I think every one would be saved. Men have been going back and forth all day to election; perhaps some who never attend church, would not think of missing their vote, and some who have not got their name on the page white and fair, would not miss getting it on the ticket, let it be what it may.

I heard a lady say the other day, "If only I could vote." It was not I. How would it be some man said, if the women could vote? Why the men have to be put in stalls now to vote.

I want to congratulate our new Editor and paper. The *EVANGELIST* is very good

and interesting and must confess I have not written for the paper for a long time.

Now dear sisters we have a talent and let each one of us make use of that talent; we can't all preach and all pray and all sing, but let us do what we can, and what our hands find to do, do it with all our might and it is high time we are up and doing. Oh there is so much to do for each of us.

"There is a work for me and a work for you, something for each of us now to do."

And may God help us to work more for him, help us to go out among the highways and hedges and bring souls to Christ, and God will help us if we only ask him to help us in faith.

I want the K. C. to rejoice with us here at Enon; we have organized a K. C. with about 45 or 50 members, and are just booming right along and I feel like saying "Glory to God." May we ever go on and prosper is my prayer.

MRS. ELI HOOVER.

The Sunday School.

EVANGELIST:—This is my first opportunity to drop you a few lines. We closed our Sunday School which was conducted by myself and J. Wakeman of the German Baptist Brethren. This school consisted principally of Brethren and G. B. B.

We have labored together the last two years, with perfect love and harmony.

The first year we used the Brethren Literature, this last summer we used the G. B. B. Literature, and next year we expect to use our Literature. We have all been spiritually benefitted. Our school had about forty average scholars and we closed last Sunday for this season, and had an able address from Dr. Shaver of this congregation. Bro. Shaver is one of Bro. I. D. Bowman's converts last February. Dr. E. B. Shaver is our present pastor and is assisted by Bro. Geo. A. Copp and Bro. Wm. Wisman who have a large field of labor before them. They held six communions the last two months, and have had some sixty additions by baptism. Our church is in love and christian harmony.

This Round Hill Church was the first Brethren Church organized in Shenandoah and at this time Bro. Shaver has the principal control of seven well organized churches with three good church houses and three union houses. May God's choicest blessings continue to rest on us is my sincere prayer.

J. W. Hackman.

Mt. Olive, Va.

Book and Tract Department.

We hear it frequently said that tract distribution is a thing of the past. While it is no doubt true that the indiscriminate distribution has largely ceased, the demand for tracts is still very large, but they are now bought on their merit and not by the pound as was generally the case. From every quarter comes a demand for tracts to meet special cases, showing that a vast deal of intelligence is back of the effort of to-day. It is also encouraging to know that the demand is so large for Scriptural selections and for those written by that rare spiritual writer, Rev. F. B. Meyer. It is said that Richard Baxter was led to Christ through the instrumentality of a tract brought to his father's door in a peddler's pack. One of his works, "The Saints' Rest," was instrumental in the con-

version of Philip Doddridge. "The Rise and Progress" written by Doddridge was blessed to the conversion of William Wilberforce. Through the instrumentality of "The Practical View," written by Wilberforce, Thomas Chalmers and Leigh Richmond were led to the Savior. In this succession of conversions we have a very small part only of the results of placing this tract in the hands of Baxter. Chalmers was not only a prince of preachers, but rose to a commanding position among the great Christian philosophers and reformers of the world; and Leigh Richmond became eminently useful as a minister and writer.—*Record for Christian Work*, Nov. 94.

I stated recently that the church should be made known. I said her beauties, truth, and doctrines; there are some things that might be kept to ourselves, because they do not concern the world. The family should so live that they need not fear the world nor be ashamed of their acts, and yet there are personal matters that occur that do not concern the world, and they need not be advertised, so with the church; there are business plans and ideas that need not be given out to other churches or the world because these plans and ideas do not concern them. There are some people always waiting to make capital out of what does not concern them and ready to poke their long noses in other people's business, "busy bodies in other men's matters."

Jefferson was fond of telling a story which illustrates in a forcible manner the importance that absurdly insignificant matters may sometimes assume. When the deliberative body that gave the world the Declaration of Independence was in session its proceedings were conducted in a hall close to which was situated a livery stable. The weather was warm, and from the stable came swarms of flies that lighted on the legs of the honorable members, and, biting through the thin silk stockings then in fashion, gave infinite annoyance "It was no uncommon sight," said Jefferson, to see a member making a speech with a large handkerchief in hand, and pausing at every moment to thrash the flies from his thinly protected calves. The opinion of the body was not unanimous in favor of the document, and, under other circumstances, discussion might have been protracted for days, if not weeks; but the flies were intolerable. Efforts were made to find another hall, free from the pests, but in vain. As the weather became warmer the flies grew worse, and the flapping of the handkerchiefs was heard all over the hall as an accompaniment to the voices of the speakers. In despair, at last some one suggested that the matters be hurried so that the body might adjourn and get away from the flies. There were a few mild protests, but no one heeded them, the immortal declaration was hurriedly copied, and, with handkerchiefs in hand fighting flies as they came, the members hastened up to the table to sign the authentic copy and leave the flies in the lurch. Had it not been for the livery stable and its inmates, there is no telling when the document would have been completed, but it certainly would not have been signed on the Fourth of July.—*New York Sun*.

We hope to be able to speak of "Doctrinal Points" in our next, or before very long. Push your doctrine if you want to win; I mean the doctrine of Christ.

JOHN DUKE McFADEN.